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In re Application of

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Sir:

With reference to the Office action mailed September 11, 2001, please amend the application as indicated below. A Petition for a 3-Month Extension of Time is enclosed to extend the time for response date through March 11, 2002.

In the Title

Change the title to read:

--Instrument for Monitoring Nucleic Acid Amplification--.In the Drawings

Replace Figures 6A-6B submitted February 11, 2000 with enclosed new Figs. 6A-6B.